

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Bentwich *et al.*
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Examiner: Dana H. Shin
Title: BIOINFORMATIICALLY
DETECTABLE GROUP OF NOVEL
VIRAL REGULATORY GENES AND
USES THEREOF

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed on December 16, 2008 (the “Office Action”) together with the advisory action mailed on February 26, 2009 (the “Advisory Action”), please consider the remarks below in accordance with the Rules of Practice. Submitted here with is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and the requisite fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdraw the finality of any office action and to enter and consider this submission.

No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper; however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above reference number.

Remarks begin at page 2.